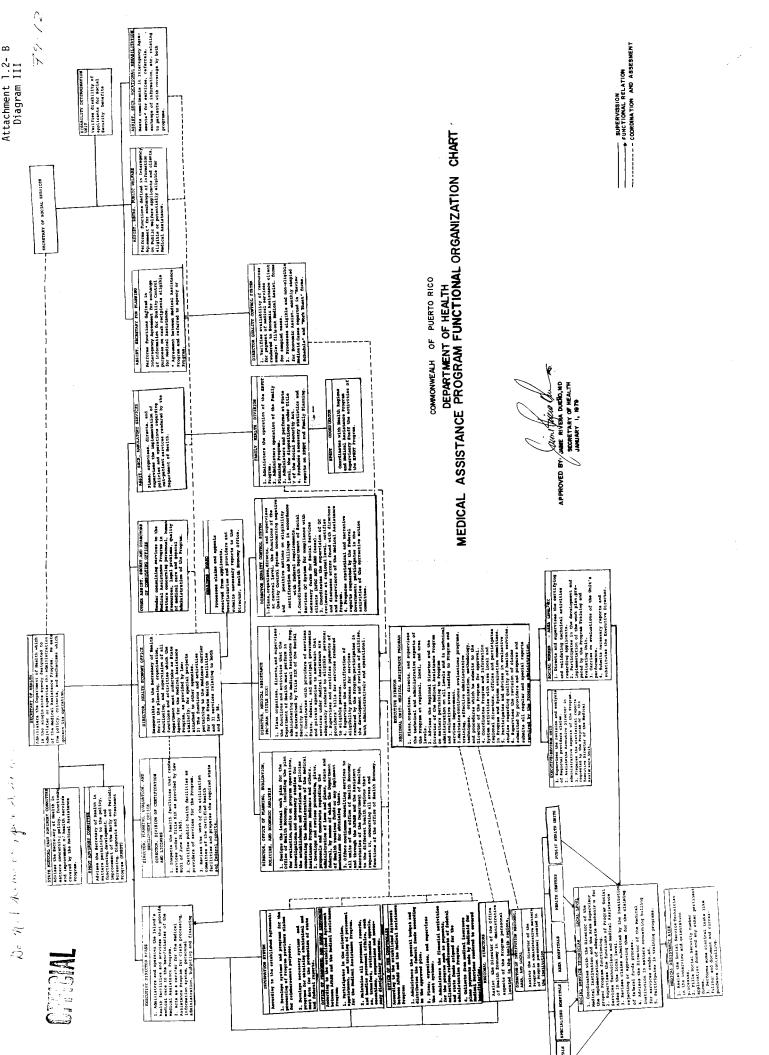


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GENERAL EXPOSITION

# ECONOMIC OFFICE OF AID TO THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT ECONOMIC

The Office of Aid to the Medically Indigent, correlates to the Standards and Programmatic Area of the Department of Health. This office holds a series of functional relationships with local Department structure. This is possible due to the fact that all monitoring related to health, and in particular, to the Medical Assistance Program is under its jurisdiction.

The Office has been established in response to the following needs of the Medical Assistance Program and the Department of Health in general. Among these are the adequate attention of the growing complexity of federal reports; improvement of third party payments; continuous follow-up upon federal legislation on health care financing; to strengthen the implementation of standards, plans systems and procedures; to constantly keep surveillance on possible fraud and abuses regarding the utilization of health services and facilities; to analyze fiscal and managerial reports in order to identify and evaluate their impact and relavance; to keep up an active follow-up on the sources of federal, state and rate setting private funding; to monitor the <del>-fixing</del> for hospitalambulatory services; to provide an advise and monitor

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economic aspects on the contract negotiations; to keep up an effective coordination with the Regions for an adequate Medicaid Program implementation; to be directly responsible for studies and reports on Medicaid Quality Control.

Medicaid Program operates within the Health Department Organization that establishes eight (8) health regions. Within these regions Medicaid Program has 88 local offices.

#### - Advisory Committee

The General Council of Health at Puerto Rico's Department of Health, functions as the advisory committee to the Medicaid Program. It was created on State Law 11 of June 23, 1976 on accordance to PL-93-641 of 1974, as ammended.

The General Health Counsel is composed of 25 members representing different geographical areas of Puerto Rico and among it's members there are health providers, consumers, financing executives, lawyers, and ex-oficio members from Social Services Department, Education, Addiction and State Insurance Funds Departments as well as the School of Medicine of the University of Puerto Rico.

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The specific functions of each Division under the Director of the OAMI shall be as follows:

## I. Medical Assistance Program Division (Title XIX)

Responsible for the adminsitration, monitoring and coordination, islandwide of the Medicaid program thus providing consistent program direction in accordance with the Federal and State requirements.

These functions are channeled thru the following divisions:

## 1. Eligibility Determination and Standards Setting Section

Responsible for the development of program policies and procedures; basic needs eligibility standards; production and updating of the necesary program manuals, and materials; and updating of state plan and state program manual and other manuals pertinent to IEVS.

#### Policy and Standards Division

#### 1. Policy Unit:

Studies the existing rules and guides, as well as their proceedings, and is kept awareof every change coming from federal level to keep them up to date and in compliance with:  $TN = \frac{92-11}{2}$  Approval Date MAR 12 1993

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- a. studies the questions sent by local anual regional personnel to clarify doubts and uniform procedures.
- b. keeps up to date the Program's Policy and Procedures manual.
- c. studies and keeps up to date the State Plan.
- d. studies and keeps up to date the federal Medicaid manual (Parts 1-14)

#### EPSDT Section

Responsible for the coordination of EPSDT activities with the Department of Social Services and Title V. It will be responsible for the monitoring of the program activities and for the provision of program evaluation and reports.

## Disability Determination Board

Evaluate the disabled individuals who apply for the Program benefits because of their disability and their socio-economic poverty.

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## Validation Board

Certify the Blind Category applicants who comply with the socio-economic eligibility condition and requirements.

### 2. Field Operations Monitoring

This Division is responsible of the program monitoring operations islanwide to provide technical assistance; assessment to the program and services administrative personnel.

Plans, organizes, directs and supervises the technical aspects of the Program at regional and local levels.

Advices the Regional Directos of the Medicaid Program on matters pertaining the Program and in technical and evaluation areas leading to Program and services agreement.

Mantains continous evaluation programs training, effective administrative techniques, organization, methodology, and procedures which submits to the Program Director for approval.

Coordinates Program and Information System activities with regional and local offices and participates on Program and system evaluation comittees. TN 92-11 Approval Date MAR 12 1993 Supersedes TN 79-12 Effective Date OCT.1 - 1992



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Participates and advices in evaluative studies regarding quality of health services.

- Corrective Action Section - coordinates a. establish corrective action plans with central office staff to be implemented as pointed out by the Quality Control System.
- Training Section Studies, analizes, organizes and b. evaluates training needs on the different Program Areas and develop and adequate training program to satisfy them.
- Information System Section Coordinates Program Information System activities with ODSI, regional and local offices. Participates in Program system evaluation comittees.

#### 3. Financial Management Statistical Division

Responsible for the revision and approval of provider

claims, selection of the sample for processing purposes, revision and approval of provider cost reports, preparation and submittal of federal reimbursement and budget.